

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-125-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR FFY 1982

REFERENCE:

This is to inform you of the recently approved state budget control language as it affects refugee support services provided by the counties. Budget control language is written and approved by the State Legislature for the purpose of governing state agencies on the expenditure of federal allocations. Subsequent to the Legislature's approval of this language, an attempt was made within the Assembly to change a portion of its contents. However, this issue has now been resolved, and the provisions mandated by the language will become effective October 1, 1981.


The following are provisions of the budget control language as they affect refugee social services funding:

- Funding for county welfare department refugee support services cannot exceed 35 percent of the total federal (FFY 1982) allocation provided to the state for refugee support services. Allowable services are those services described in the California Comprehensive Annual State Program Plan (CASPP), including In-Home Supportive Services.
- County allocations will be based on the county's number of refugees receiving cash assistance as a percentage of the statewide total.
- Should a county not expend its entire allocation, the Department of Social Services may reallocate unexpended funds to other county welfare departments.
- In addition to county welfare department Title XX-type services, the budget control language requires the state to contract with private and public nonprofit agencies to provide employment and training programs for refugees, giving top priority to employment services, vocational training, English-as-a-Second Language, and other employment-directed services. The intent of the job-related focus

is to help as many refugees as possible achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest period of time. First priority for these services shall be given to employable time-expired, adult refugees who continue or are likely to receive cash assistance. Second priority shall be given to employable adult refugees who recently arrived in this country and are likely to receive cash assistance. In the event that there are insufficient funds to serve the first two priorities, services shall be limited to the adult who is designated as the primary wage earner in the household. These stipulations are applicable to those county welfare departments which were awarded contracts in the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The 35 percent cap does not apply in this situation.

As of this date, California has not yet been notified by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement of its FFY 1982 federal allocation for refugee social services, although a severe cutback in federal funding is expected. In order to minimize disruptions of county welfare department programs for refugee social services, we will shortly be issuing a \$3 million allocation to counties. These funds will be taken from our FFY 1981 fourth-quarter allocation and will be used to forward-fund the counties to cover the first six months of the new federal fiscal year. This six-month allocation is provided on the basis of a planning figure of \$19.8 million for FFY 1982 refugee support services, of which \$6.9 million represents the 35 percent cap for county welfare department funding. We have no assurances from the federal government that we will actually receive the amount represented by our planning figure. When we are notified of our actual FFY 1982 allocation, we will make the necessary adjustments and allocate additional funds, if any, to the county welfare departments for the second six-month period. Individual county allocations will be sent to you under separate cover from the Department of Social Services' Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Laura Williams at (916) 322-3141.


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